

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the paragraph starting at page 10, line 6, with the following replacement paragraph:

The application server 12 also includes a runtime environment 24 for execution of the parsed XML documents. Figure 2 is a diagram illustrating in detail the application runtime environment 24 of Figure 1, emphasizing the use of XML control documents to define application context. The application runtime environment 24 executes the voice-enabled web applications 60a and 60b by first parsing an XML control document 62 that specifies the necessary application control parameters for execution of the voice-enabled web applications 60a and 60b. Hence, the XML control document 62 provides basic runtime control defaults for the application runtime environment 24. In addition, the application runtime environment 24 may parse a second XML control file (e.g., 64a, 64b) that provides user-specific attributes overlying the basic control defaults specified in the XML control document 62. Hence, the application runtime environment 24 may parse a first XML control document 62 for basic runtime control defaults for the application runtime environment 24, followed by parsing of a second XML control document (e.g., 64a, 64b) for user-specific attributes for a corresponding subscriber (e.g., 66a, 66b). Hence, the application runtime environment 24 obtains basic runtime control defaults and user-specific attributes from stored XML control documents, enabling the stored XML control documents to provide context information to the application runtime environment 24. The context information is then used by the application runtime ~~apartment~~ environment 24 for execution of the application-defining XML documents.